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Miss Pond named manager of service coordination

Miss Marjorie R. Pond has been promoted to manager of service coordination. The department's unit managers, secretaries, and clerks provide managerial and clerical support to the nursing units, enabling nurses to spend more time with their patients.

For the past 12 years Miss Pond has been coordinator of nursing practice. She has kept nursing manuals up to date, written nursing procedures, and coordinated the various activities and changes that effect nursing and other departments.

Miss Pond has been with the Deaconess Hospital since her graduation from the NEDH School of Nursing. Prior to her appointment as coordinator of nursing practice, Miss Pond had held the positions of head nurse, instructor in surgery for the School, and nursing supervisor.

She has varied interests in addition to nursing. Miss Pond's drawings have publicized the Alpha Credit Union and other hospital organizations and activities. She has done woodcarving in recent years and is now making miniature doll house furniture and an "antique" schoolhouse clock. Last summer, she became interested in canoeing and looks forward to future adventures "wherever there's water." A true outdoorsperson, Miss Pond also loves gardening, trout fishing, and cross country skiing.

Marjorie R. Pond

Mr. Reardon appointed manager of purchasing

Mr. Richard D. Reardon has been appointed manager of purchasing at the New England Deaconess Hospital and will be responsible for purchasing, receiving, the central storeroom, and inventory.

With years of experience in the hospital purchasing field, Mr. Reardon comes to the Deaconess from the Framingham Union Hospital where he was director of purchasing and materials management for the past four years. He joined the hospital in 1969 as the assistant purchasing agent. While there he was involved in new building and renovation programs; set up off-site receiving, inventory, and linen distribution systems; and purchased medical-surgical, office, laboratory, pharmacy, maintenance, and dietary supplies and equipment. Prior to employment at the Framingham Union Hospital, he was a salesman for the Aloe/Division of the Sherwood Medical Company selling supplies and equipment to hospitals, nursing homes and physicians' offices.

A graduate of Boston College, Mr. Reardon received his B.S. in Business Administration. While a student, he worked at Carney Hospital as a respiratory technician.

A member of the American Hospital Association, National Association of Hospital Purchasing Managers, Hospital Purchasing Association of Eastern Massachusetts, and West Suburban Hospital Association Purchasing Council, Mr. Reardon is also a member of the Hospital Services of New England, Inc., and the Advisory Committee of the Associated Catholic Hospitals' Laundry.

Richard D. Reardon

Mr. Reardon's home is in Milton, where he lives with his wife Barbara, a former head nurse at Carney Hospital, and their three children, Joseph, 5, David, 3, and Daniel, 15 months. He is very much involved in his community as an advisor to the Catholic Youth Organization and as a member of the Parish Youth Commission.

Trustees hold kickoff meeting for the School of Nursing

The official fund raising campaign for the School of Nursing was launched at a meeting of the campaigners held at the Harvard Club at 5 p.m. on January 13. Mr. Colby Hewitt, Jr., vice president of the corporation and chairman of the development council, welcomed members of the corporation, trustees, Friends, and medical staff who have agreed to work on the fund raising effort. Mr. Hewitt introduced President C. Vincent Vappi, who thanked the members of the council and others for the many hours of preparation that have already gone into the project.

Mr. Vappi explained that this campaign is an unusual one due to the fact that four-fifths of the money needed for construction is already on hand. A bequest of $500,000 was left to the hospital by Mrs. Audrey J. Kennedy in 1968 and, through the kindness and influence of Dr. Lyman H. Hoyt, the Frederick J. Kennedy Foundation granted an additional $2,500,000 to the hospital for the purpose of building a new facility for our nursing school. In

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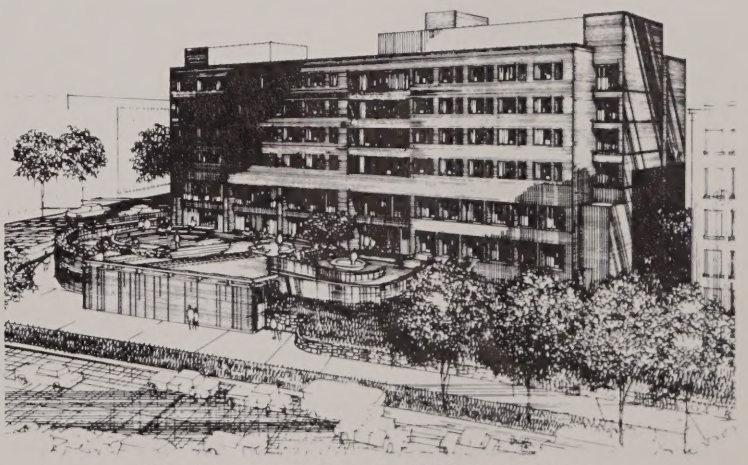

Pictured is the new facility for the NEDH School of Nursing.

Gifts and pledges from Friends exceed $1,000,000

The Deaconess's women's auxiliary, The Friends of the Deaconess, is one of the most dependable groups among the hospital's many supporters. This loyal band of women gives endless hours to raising funds for numerous hospital projects. As in most organizations, the bulk of the work is done by a special few of the large membership. Still, that comparative few is too large in number to name individually, but each one deserves our heartfelt thanks for the help and support . . . both moral and financial . . . that she offers to the hospital. So, to each of the Friends, "Bless you".

Examples of their contributions over the years are: $400,000 for equipment and improvements throughout the hospital; $130,000 for the School of Nursing; and $350,000 to the hospital's development program. Now they have pledged $150,000 to the new School of Nursing facility, $50,000 of which was paid in December.

Truly, the name "Friends" is an appropriate one!

The Cardiology Lab: A Place and a Profile

Mr. Tom Minogue (facing camera) in the cardiology laboratory during a cineangiography.

"When the cardiology laboratory was built ten years ago, it was a good, well-equipped laboratory," explained Dr. O. Stevens Leland, chief cardiologist, "But the main use we put it to now – coronary cineangiography – was a rare procedure then."

Many of the procedures performed now have been developed only over the past ten years. The cardiology laboratory is the site of a cardiac catheterization, coronary angiography, cineangiography, pulmonary or vascular angiograms, insertion of a temporary or permanent pacemaker, vena cava umbrella ligation, indicator dye studies, phonocardiography, vectorcardiography, and other non-invasive studies.

To keep up with these developments a new cardiology laboratory will open this month adjacent to the existing laboratory on Farr 5. It will have all the latest x-ray equipment, a two image intensification system, and a spot filming device.

To aid in diagnosis there will be instant videoplay and a new television system with a 35mm camera. This camera has a larger field and can better pinpoint the diseased part of the heart. The movies taken during the cineangiography (movies taken of the heart as dye is injected) can be studied over and over again by the cardiologist.

The new laboratory will be computerized to aid in interpreting the ECG, in keeping records, and in doing calculations.

With such new equipment the cardiology laboratory will truly serve its purpose. It is primarily a diagnostic facility for the evaluation of patients with cardiac, pulmonary, or vascular problems or suspected problems. In nearly all cases studies are done either to confirm or rule out clinical diagnosis. In some instances findings are made which could not possibly be made by clinical diagnosis. These studies decide whether or not the patient should have corrective surgery, what the chances of successful surgery will be, or whether or not the patient can be treated clinically. It is in the laboratory that studies are made to determine the method of treatment.

Tom Minogue

As the patient enters the cardiology lab, he is likely to be introduced to Tom Minogue, R.N. Mr. Minogue is the chief cardiology technologist and head nurse in the cardiology laboratory and has been supervising the laboratory for almost ten years.

Mr. Minogue oversees the pre-operative preparation for cardiac procedures and assists cardiologists during the procedure. He trains the lab personnel (two nurses and an x-ray technician) as well as the cardiology fellows and is responsible for quality control, and for assuring that the lab is properly equipped. He does consulting and is often called into surgery to instruct in the changing of a patient's pacemaker model. Trained as a nurse, Mr. Minogue is really the "jack of all trades" in the laboratory.

"Tom was the only one around who could understand pressure measurements, transducers, and other procedures that are commonly used now in special care," adds Dr. Leland. "He learned arrhythmias, cardiac resuscitation, and the ECG, and trained people to use the monitoring gear."

Born in Gallway, Southern Ireland, Mr. Minogue studied in London where he received his diplomas in psychiatric nursing from the Friern Hospital and general nursing from the Westminster Hospital.

He came to the United States in 1957, the same year that he joined the Deaconess as an operating room staff nurse. A two-year stint in the U.S. Army interrupted his nursing career but when his tour of duty ended, he returned to the Deaconess as the nurse in charge of surgical cardiopulmonary services.

When the cardiology laboratory opened in 1965, Mr. Minogue joined Dr. Leland in the new laboratory.

He has been involved in many "firsts" at the Deaconess. He was the first male nurse to be appointed head nurse and the first male nurse to become supervisor. He was also the first nurse on the Deaconess staff to operate a heart-lung machine. Now all nurses are expected to do it.

Dr. Neptune and Mr. Minogue put in the first pervenous pacemaker in the Deaconess cardiology laboratory. Mr. Minogue thinks it may have been a first in New England. And Mr. Minogue assisted Dr. Leland in doing the first selective coronary angiography at the Deaconess.

Dr. Leland applauds Mr. Minogue's good safety record and regards him as an asset to the Deaconess. Mr. Minogue's skill and knowledge in handling emergencies and his observance of septic technique give the laboratory an unusually good record of safety.

With the pace in the cardiology laboratory so intense, Mr. Minogue looks for a change of pace outside the hospital. A former soccer and Irish hurling player, Mr. Minogue enjoyed competitive sports until four years ago. Now he just plays a little golf. He enjoys gardening and prides himself on his roses.

While a student in London he met and married a Norwegian girl named Else, a former L.P.N. and schoolteacher. They now live in Jamaica Hills with their children, John, 17, David, 15, Debbie, 14, and Tommy, almost 5.

With the opening of the new cardiology laboratory, Mr. Minogue's free time will be reduced. "My responsibilities will be double what they have been, with the more complex equipment."

He has seen the case load increase from 120 in 1965 to the current 700 patients per year, and the number of patients will, no doubt, increase even more.

Although the pace in the laboratory is hectic, Mr. Minogue can always be counted on to break the tension with his good humor . . . another talent for which he is highly respected.

Progressive Cardiac Care Unit opens

The Progressive Cardiac Care Unit opened on Baker 5 on January 8. The unit is intended to concentrate cardiac patients on one floor so that they can receive care from nurses skilled in the treatment and education of patients with heart disease.

Patients will not be admitted directly to the unit, but will be transferred from the intensive care or coronary care units. For example, if it is expected that a patient is having a myocardial infarction, he will be admitted to CCU and monitored for a few days. When his condition improves, the patient will be transferred to Baker 5 for continued monitoring. With further improvement in his condition, monitoring will be discontinued and the patient eventually discharged.

The Progressive Cardiac Care Unit has room for 16 patients and has the capability to monitor eight of them by means of telemetry. Telemetry allows for monitoring heartrate through transmission via radio signal to the nurses station. The nurses station has a receiver which displays the patient's heartrate in the form of an ECG waveform. The advantage to this method of monitoring is that it enables the patient to be ambulatory when advisable.

Dr. O. Stevens Leland, cardiology, is the medical director of the Progressive Cardiac Care Unit, and Miss Carmen Bourget, R.N., is the head nurse. Miss Nancy Dolan, R.N., clinical nurse specialist, is involved in the unit to assist patients and their families, the nursing staff, and physicians in the patients' treatment and education.

Restaurant at "110" under new management

As you may have noticed, the Riverview Restaurant on the first floor of the Medical Office Building is undergoing some changes. The former kitchen and the dining room areas overlooking the Riverway are to be modified into professional suites for physicians. The remaining restaurant area will open in March under new management.

At his retirement party, Mr. Don MacIntrye chats with Mr. Hubert D. Sycamore, assistant director.

"A jolly good fellow" retires

Have you ever tried to sing with a huge lump in your throat? That is the experience many of us had as Don MacIntyre was wished well by his many co-workers to the heart-rendering strains of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" at a retirement party given for Don on Friday, December 27 in the shop of the Maintenance and Engineering Department. It was a touching moment and one that summed up the feeling of those who have come to know Don MacIntyre during his 18 years with the Deaconess. Mr. MacIntyre's wife and several members of his family were present to enjoy the moment with him.

Mr. Ray Carlson, clerk of the works, read a poem he had created tracing Don MacIntyre's years at the Deaconess and Mr. Hubert D. Sycamore, assistant director, presented gifts from the hospital of a fishing net, a reel, and a knife, as fishing is a big part of Mr. MacIntyre's retirement plans.

Mr. MacIntyre joined the hospital in 1956. "My son, Donald Jr., had worked in the pharmacy for eight years and raved about the place. I applied for a carpentry job when a vacancy occurred and got it." Eight years later he became stockroom manager.

Since his apprenticeship as a young man at Boston's Chickering and Sons (piano makers), Mr. MacIntyre has been involved in woodworking. He did fancy scroll work at Old Colony Furniture. During the Depression he did maintenance work for C. W. Whitter and Sons (real estate). During World War II Mr. MacIntyre returned to carpentry in the Quincy Shipyard before becoming a partner in his brother's contract firm. The two built houses together, then Mr. MacIntyre went into business for himself, doing contract work for 15 years in Brookline.

Mr. MacIntyre and his wife Florence have been Brookline residents for as many years as their marriage – 43 years. Mr. MacIntyre was born in Cape Breton, Canada, but moved to New Jersey and finally to Boston as a teenager. He and his wife raised their six daughters and son in Brookline.

Mr. MacIntyre has said that almost everyone in his family has worked at the Deaconess at one time or another. Mrs. MacIntyre works here now in Harris Hall as a housekeeper and will retire in another year or two.

Mr .MacIntyre plans to fill his retirement days with bowling, pool, fishing, walking, driving, and traveling.

"If I find time is dragging – and I don't think it will – I can always go back to what I've been doing – contracting. But I think I'll be happy being a 'lazy' man," joked Mr. MacIntyre.

The news is not all bad

Every once is a while something occurs that confirms our faith in the goodness of mankind. This past month such an occurrence took place. A check was received in the cashier's office with the accompanying note:

"I have recently retired and while doing a general cleaning of all articles I ran across this old bill. At the time I was paying this I was in the $15.00 a week category and appreciated the way they let me pay it. I am enclosing a check for the balance . . . Thank you."

And thus was final payment made on a patient account that had existed since 1939. When times were bad, the bill had been paid a few dollars at a time. Now, after 35 years, the balance could be paid.

As Executive Vice President R. D. Lowry commented, "It is comforting to be reminded that there are still many dependable and concerned human beings who have a sense of responsibility and who fulfill their obligations after many years of honest effort and struggle. What better message could we receive as the new year starts?"

Doctors doings...

The New England Deaconess Hospital is the setting for the hospital scenes in a series of slide presentations being prepared by **Dr. Sidney Alexander,** cardiology, NEDH and Lahey Clinic, on the diagnosis, treatment, and progress of patients undergoing heart surgery. The slide tapes are being prepared for commercial distribution throughout the country.

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Dr. Joseph L. Andrews, Jr., internal medicine and pulmonary disease, NEDH and Lahey Clinic, published the article "Facility Report on the New England Deaconess Hospital Pulmonary Laboratory" in the October 1974 issue of the *Journal of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Technology.* For the Tufts Medical School pathophysiology course, Dr. Andrews has conducted seminars on the mechanics of breathing, ventilation/perfusion, chronic obstructive lung disease, acid/base, and respiratory failure during October and November. He presented the "Workshop on Pulmonary Function Tests and Arterial Blood Gases" on October 17 for the Lahey Clinic's course on cardiology for the practitioner. With **Dr. Jules R. Schwaber,** internal medicine, NEDH and Lahey Clinic, Dr. Andrews conducted teaching sessions for second-year Harvard Medical School students on the pulmonary history and physical examination on October 23 and November 1.

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Dr. Melvin E. Clouse, diagnostic radiology, has been appointed secretary of the New England Roentgen Ray Society. He and **Drs. Thomas H. Flood,** internal medicine, NEDH and Joslin Clinic, **Herbert F. Gramm,** diagnostic radiology, and **Merle A. Legg,** pathology, co-authored the article "Diabetic Osteoarthropathy, Clinical and Roentgen Observations in 90 Cases" in the May 1974 issue of *American Journal of Roentgenology, Radium Therapy, and Nuclear Medicine.*

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Olga Greengard, Ph.D., Cancer Research Institute, attended the "Symposium on Developmental Biochemistry – Inborn Errors of Metabolism" in Eernewoude, The Netherlands, on October 24-26, where she presented the lecture and paper "Hormonal Regulation of Enzyme Synthesis in Differentiating Mammalian Tissues." Dr. Greengard presented the lecture and paper "Enzymatic Differentiation during Hepatic Development" at the III International Diabetes Symposium sponsored by the New York Medical College Diabetes Center on December 4 in Madeira, Portugal.

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Dr. William V. McDermott, Jr., Cheever Professor of Surgery at the Harvard Medical School and Director of the Deaconess-Harvard Surgical Service and Cancer Research Institute at the New England Deaconess Hospital, returned from a trip to Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific where he served as Visiting Professor at the University of Queensland in Brisbane for a week and subsequently gave talks at various hospitals in Sydney, Australia on subjects concerned with portal hypertension cancer and hepatic surgery.

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Dr. Wilford B. Neptune, thoracic surgery, NEDH and Overholt Clinic, presented a paper with Dr. Howard Leonardi, a resident on the general surgery service, entitled "Obstruction of the Right Pulmonary Artery due to a Dissecting Aneurism of the Ascending Aorta" to the American College of Chest Physicians at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island, on December 7.

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Dr. Ellison C. Pierce, Jr., anesthesia, general staff, was the associate examiner for the oral examination given by the American Board of Anesthesiology in Minneapolis, Minnesota on September 29-October 3. Following the annual meeting of the New England Society of Anesthesiologists in Falmouth on September 20, 1974, Dr. Pierce retired as president of the society. He has been secretary of the Massachusetts Society of Anesthesiologists since 1969.

Miss Kehoe retires as head cashier

A request at the cashier's desk for change of a dollar will no longer be satisfied by Miss Marguerite Kehoe. After 28 years, "Mickey" has retired as head cashier. A small and quiet retirement party – Mickey's kind of party – was held in Director Richard E. Lee's office on December 29. Mr. Peter Campisano, assistant director, presented her with a radio as a gift from the hospital for her many years of service. Also attending the party were Miss Ellen Adams, associate director; Mr. David Lilley, assistant to the director; Mr. William E. Branson, manager

Mrs. Artie P. Alexander, pictured with Mr. William E. Branson, manager of patient services, has been promoted to head cashier. Mrs. Alexander joined the Deaconess as a cashier in 1966.

of patient services; Mrs. Erminie Smith, supervisor of patient services; and Mrs. Artie P. Alexander, new head cashier.

Miss Kehoe came to the Deaconess in 1946 as a cashier and became head cashier 10 years ago. Born and raised in Needham, she has been living in Boston but hopes to return to Needham to enjoy retirement in a more suburban atmosphere.

Getting ready for graduation are: (l. - r.) Bernadette Dudinyak, Linda Strickland, Jane Bachus, and Cassie Carlson.

Blood Bank Training Center graduates four

At a ceremony held January 8 in Harris Hall, Jane Bachus, Cassie Carlson, Bernadette Dudinyak, and Linda Strickland graduated from the NEDH Blood Bank Training Center. In attendance were Dr. Bradley E. Copeland, chairman of the department of pathology; Dr. Randi V. Rosvoll, director of the training center; Mr. Richard E. Lee, director of NEDH; the graduates' friends and families; and members of the Gallon Club, administration, pathology, and the blood bank. Dr. Cornelius E. Sedgwick, chairman of the department of surgery, spoke on the importance of the health professional in fulfilling expectations of a "consumer-provider" oriented public.

Approved by the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), the center, now in its fourth year, offers a one-year program of specialized lectures, seminars, and practical experience. All students must have a bachelor's degree and at least one year of experience in blood banking and immunohematology. After successful completion of the course and an examination given cooperatively by the Registry of Medical Technologists (ASCP) and the AABB, the students are qualified for supervisory and teaching positions in the blood banking field.

"Feeling Good" helps you feel better

"Feeling Good" helps you do just that – feel good. A new hour-long television series shown on Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. on Channel 2 offers advice and information on health care.

"Feeling Good" does not lecture – it entertains. In a variety format, the 26-week series uses animation, songs, dances, comedy, and documentary to cover 11 health topics. Alcohol abuse, cancer, child care, exercise, dental care, health care delivery systems, heart disease, hypertension, mental health, nutrition, and prenatal care are being covered. Reruns will be shown for those who may have missed some "lessons".

Aimed at adults, "Feeling Good" informs its audience that by controlling how they live, persons can assert more control over their physical and mental health. Good health is much easier to maintain than many people realize and "Feeling Good" hopes to show them how easy it is.

"It's a matter of life and breath"

More and more is heard lately about individual rights and, by and large, this is a good thing. The rights of individuals should be considered and respected. But, in the case of cigarette smoking, whose rights dominate? Do the smokers have the right to light up whenever and whatever they choose? Or do the non-smokers have the right to clean smoke-free air? Of course, as in all similar situations, compromises have to be made and thoughtful consideration given to the viewpoint of all.

The Deaconess is caught in this dilemma as are many other organizations. Smoking was one of the subjects at a recent meeting of the Pulmonary Disease Committee where it was reasserted that a health care facility has an obligation to take positive action in regards to such health matters.

A study recently done by Dr. Joseph L. Andrews, Jr., Dr. John F. Beamis, Jr., and Dr. Avrum Stein on the changing epidemiology of lung cancer shows that there has been marked increase in the incidence of lung cancer since 1956, especially in women, where it has almost doubled.

The hospital took a firm stand many years ago when the sale of cigarettes was discontinued within the hospital and smoking was limited to specific areas. Now employees are reminded that smoking is not permitted in any of the patient areas or laboratories, the corridors, elevators, lobbies, stairways, or tunnels. The designated areas for smoking at the present time are the cafeteria, coffee shop, and rest rooms and employees are requested to consider the feelings of others and curtail their smoking as much as possible even in these designated areas.

School of Nursing . . .

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November of 1974, the trustees voted to transfer to the project $937,000 from unrestricted funds on hand. The present campaign is to raise the additonal one-fifth needed, or $1,050,000, to complete the financing of the $4,987,000 project.

Mr. R. D. Lowry, executive vice president, gave the background of the NEDH School of Nursing and told of the major contribution to nursing that is made by students of diploma schools and of the excellent scores they produce on state boards, particularly graduates of the Deaconess.

Miss Ellen D. Howland, director of the school and assistant director of the hospital, spoke of the inadequacies in the present school facility and outlined how much the new facility will mean in bringing updated and progressive teaching methods to the school in a more attractive physical setting.

General instructions for the campaign were given by Mr. Hewitt and by Mr. Roger A. Perry, Jr., director of external resources, and kits were distributed to the campaigners. Only a limited number of designated persons will be directly solicited in additon to the school's alumnae, the medical staff, corporations, and foundations. However, contributions from all sources are both needed and welcome.

Donations of any size from anyone interested in the future of the Deaconess Hospital and particularly those interested in maintaining the excellent quality of its nursing care will be accepted with sincere appreciation.

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The New England Deaconess Hospital is a 482-bed and 16-building complex. Physicians from the Joslin Clinic, the Lahey Clinic, Overholt Thoracic Clinic and the independent medical and surgical staffs serve the needs of their patients at the hospital. The Deaconess is internationally known for diagnosis, treatment and research in brain and chest surgery, cancer, diabetes and general medicine.

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